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SUBJ: VISIT OF HEALTH SECRETARY TO GENEVA AND NEW YORK

1. THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING, MR. GIAN PRAKASH, WILL BE ATTENDING THE WHO EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS IN GENEVA ARRIVING MAY 18. AFTER THE WHO MEETINGS ABOUT MAY 26, HE WILL BE TRAVELLING TO NEW YORK TO VISIT HIS SON.

THE MEETINGS IN GENEVA WILL PRESENT AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY FOR DISCUSSION WITH THE HEALTH SECRETARY CONCERNING DHEW/MOH COOPERATION IN GENERAL AND TO BRING UP INDIVIDUAL PROBLEMS SUCH AS THE WHO/ICMR MISQUITO GENETIC PROJECT WHICH IS AGAIN UNDER SEVERE ATTACK BY THE INDIAN PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE AND THE PARLIAMENT.

2. J.B. SHRIVASTAV, DIRECTOR-GENERAL HEALTH SERVICES WILL ALSO BE IN GENEVA ASSISTING PRAKASH AT THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS.

3. MR. PRAKASH'S VISIT TO NEW YORK WILL ALSO PRESENT AN IDEAL OPPORTUNITY TO FOLLOW UP ON THE DHEW STANDING INVITATION FROM THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR HEALTH/DHEW TO THE HEALTH SECRETARY TO VISIT WASHINGTON FOR CONSULTATION WITH VARIOUS DHEW AGENCIES.

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4. IF THE SUGGESTION OF A PROPOSED WASHINGTON VISIT IS AGREEABLE

TO DHEW WE WILL BE HAPPY TO EXTEND THE INVITATION TO THE
SECRETARY.

5. AT PRESENT, METZNER PLANS TO BE IN GENEVA AROUND MAY 18-21
ENROUTE TO SCI/ATTACHE MEETING IN WASHINGTON. HE COULD
BE OF ASSISTANCE IN THE GENEVA TALKS PARTICULARLY ABOUT THE
LATEST ATTACKS ON US/WHO/ICMR SPONSORED RESEARCH IN INDIA
AND LATER IF THE SECRETARY VISITS WASHINGTON.
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